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GOOD ROADS DISCUSSION.

Mr. Converse Talks of the Drag and the Wide Tire.

Editor Chronicle:

I notice recently in the Chronicle you praising the recent work done on the graded road west of Crossville; namely, the working of this road with the road machine in such a way as to put from 4 to 8 inches of dirt in the road at once.

This is a mistake. We will never have good graded roads as long as we neglect them from 12 to 15 months, then put 6 inches of dirt up at once.

Since Cumberland county is on her way to graded roads why cannot or will not the county paper advocate the only things that will make such roads satisfactory and permanent: the drag and the wide tire.

The drag should be used after each rain, if possible, and if used the machine will never be needed for the drag will bring the dirt to the middle of the road in small quantities and it will pack and the road will become hard.

I don't want to argue this statement; it is a fact and has been demonstrated thousands of times.

It will not make roads equal to concrete or macadam, but will keep our roads passable for motors 12 months each year.

The wide tire will work hand in hand with the road builders and are unpopular only by those who have never tried them. Those who have used wide tires are loud in their praise.

I would compel wide tires on our graded roads by a law, for one wide tire and one hundred narrow tires will not make a road, but will likely be a hardship on the team hitched to the wide tire.

Such a law could allow time to wear out or put on wide tires and at the expiration of that time put a tax on all wagons that appear on the roads not complying with the proper width of tire.

This law could tax at once all new wagons brought into the county, which do not comply with the provisions of the wide tire law.

It is hard to make such a change, but when made it will help all. Such a change will mean good graded roads and as we are to have graded roads it will mean GOOD ROADS.

The old system of narrow tires and infrequent workings have been tried on our first graded roads and failed, for the roads become impassable in winter and are each year becoming more sandy and heavier draft.

It is a fact that teams that drew 30 ties when the west end of the road was new are taking only about 22 this summer.

The expenditure of our bond money will not give us good roads unless we take care of the road after building. Some force must be set to work to make this change. Is the Chronicle able to take this stand for REALLY BETTER ROADS?

Yours truly,

J. E. Converse.

(Mr. Converse had been an attendant at the meetings of the Cumberland County Business Association he would know that this association has had the question of the upkeep of our roads under consideration for some time, that a committee has been appointed to draft a law and the question of wide tires has been unanimously accepted by every member of the association, so far as the writer is aware. The Editor of the Chronicle is heartily in sympathy with the wide tire idea now and always has been, but did not feel that the right time had arrived for discussing it in the columns of this paper.)

We certainly favor the idea of the drag that Mr. Converse mentions, and the more frequently it is run over the roads the better we will be pleased. We only meant to commend work that was done as against the attitude that has prevailed of doing nothing. We have found long ago that it is often the shortest route to what you really want to praise the thing that is half done, when it leads in the direction of what you really want. Working the road with the machine is a step in the right direction, but it is far from what is really needed. We agree with Mr. Converse that the proper and often use of the road drag will render the use of the machine almost unnecessary. As for the wide tire, we think they are the only route to good roads, when coupled with the proper use of the machine and drag. There is no real disagreement between this editor and Mr. Converse when we come to understand each other, but these discussions sometimes are helpful to clarify the real point of view held by people who might seem to differ.—Editor Chronicle.)

COME TO THE FAIR; YOU WILL BE GLAD

Products of Cumberland County Will Be
On Display Next Friday and \$300
In Premiums Awarded In the
Several Departments.

Friday and Saturday the County Fair will be held here in Crossville and premiums amounting to close to \$300 will be given to the fortunate winners. The premiums are so arranged and graded that there will be an excellent opportunity for a multitude of winners as there are about 300 premiums offered.

Never before have the farmers of the county reaped such abundant crops in general as this year. There have been times when some crops have been considerably better, but in such years there has been almost a failure in some certain crops, which made the general average of crops lower than this year.

At no previous time have our people given such close and careful attention to farming and better breeds of stock as this year. For that reason there promises to be the best display ever made not only of vegetables and grains but of live stock and poultry as well.

Indications now point to a very large attendance of the people generally in this county and an unusual attendance from other counties. We learn that Clifty, just over the White county line, will be on hand with a splendid array of farm products. They will be heartily welcomed and accorded every courtesy.

The Crossville band will furnish music during both days of the Fair and there will be a good show at the Mecca Theatre. All in all the chance for a jolly good time has never seemed so good as at the coming Fair this week Friday and Saturday.

If you miss attending this fair the chances are you will always regret it and you are almost sure to miss such a lesson in many ways as would be worth many times what it will cost you to attend.

Every person in the county should not only feel it a duty but a pleasure as well to attend the fair at least one day. Come and bring something to exhibit and you may secure a premium worth far more than the time you lose in coming.

CHRISTIAN WORK.

Monday of last week G. L. Wilt, of Pomona, was taken to Nashville to be operated upon for something of a dropsical nature. Doctors drew a large amount of water from his side and waited for him to gain sufficient strength to proceed with other operations. He returned home much improved and now expects to be able to attend to his farm work as usual soon.

On Sunday, before Mr. Wilt was taken to Nashville, some of his neighbors hauled in 20 loads of hay he had down and was unable to look after. Jas. Dayton and two sons went with a team, Ed Campbell, James Campbell and Joe Myers made up the company that did the work. Rev. Robt. Hall came along and proffered his assistance to save the hay, but the men told him they had all the force they could use and he went on to Claysville to his preaching appointment. Rev. Hall made it very clear that he considered such work of the very highest Christian character in spite of the day being the Sabbath.

Some people are inclined to condemn such a thing as working on Sunday, it matters little what the conditions are. From our point of view such things are marks of the very best citizenship and the highest Christian conduct.

O. E. S. CALL MEETING.

All members of Amanda Chapter, O. E. S., are requested to meet at the Masonic Hall today (Wednesday) at 2 p. m. for practice. The Grand Lecturer, Past Grand Matron Opheelia Allen, is expected here shortly and it is desired to make proper preparation for receiving her.

Gertie Beadle, W. M.

SENTENCED TO THE PEN.

J. S. Watson Denied New Trial on a 3 to 15 Year Sentence.

J. S. Watson was denied a new trial before Judge Gardenhire, at Cookeville, last week in a case wherein he had been sentenced to the penitentiary for from three to fifteen years for having been implicated in uttering a forged deed. The case has been or will be appealed to the state supreme court and the execution of the sentence will be stayed until after the highest court of the state has passed upon it.

Our information touching the case is as follows: J. H. Abston and C. H. Abston forged a deed covering a certain tract of land in Putnam county owned by J. H. and Lewis Johnson. The Johnsons were forced to bring suit in the chancery court of Putnam county to restrain the Abstons from cutting the timber from the land, which they entered upon after having the forged deed recorded in Putnam county. By the suit brought by the Johnsons the deed was shown to be fraudulent and it developed that J. S. Watson had attempted to assist in carrying out the fraud by acting as attorney for the Abstons. The deed was acknowledged before J. F. Brown, at Crab Orchard, when he was justice of the peace, but it was shown that the person who executed the deed and called himself Sam Eastland, was a fraud and did not own the land and that the Abstons knew that fact at the time the deed was made and acknowledged before J. F. Brown, then an acting justice of the peace. The Abstons were convicted and are now in the penitentiary.

J. S. Watson appeared in court as the attorney of the Abstons and urged the forged deed as a valid title under which to hold the land. It seems that sufficient evidence developed to satisfy the jury that Watson had full knowledge that the deed was a forgery and on that grounds the jury returned a verdict of guilty and Watson was sentenced at the June term. He made application for a new trial, which application was heard by Judge Gardenhire and the new trial denied. As above stated, the case will have to be heard by the state supreme court before actual execution of the sentence can take place.

W. F. Bandy was in Cookeville on business one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Queen, who recently left Pleasant Hill to attend Piedmont College, at Demorest, Ga., report that school has opened with an increased attendance of about one hundred and fifty. Piedmont College is one of the growing colleges of the South. There are several Pleasant Hill students in Demorest and so many from our whole state that a Tennessee Club has been organized.

If you want score cards and pencils, paper napkins, nice writing paper cut to special size come to the Chronicle office for them.

D. F. Southard left Sunday for Greensboro, Ala., to look after his lumber business there.

Marshal Hill Lowrey is grading Main street and trying to fix the section near the depot so it will not be a standing mud hole this winter. His purpose is right but the course is wrong. Nothing will avail except a paved street done in a good and substantial way. Time will demonstrate the foregoing statement to be true.

Another teacher has been added to the force in the city schools. Miss Elizabeth Snow has been engaged to teach half a day to relieve the heavy work upon Mrs. C. E. Keyes, who had nearly 150 students counting both forenoon and afternoon attendance. Miss Snow is a competent teacher and the results are sure to prove much better with the two capable instructors than could have been possible with only one.

BROADSIDE ORATORY.

Next Monday, October 2, there will be fifty democratic speakers making the "welkin ring" at as many points from "Carter to Shelby," in behalf of the democratic ticket, state and national. Crossville is not to be one of the points where democratic oratory will be poured forth in such profusion, but Hon. Terry Abernathy, Republican candidate for railroad commissioner, will tell the people of Cumberland county of the beauty and greatness of republicanism. Come and hear him; it will be worth your while.

Political Jottings.

The Houston Post reasons that it was easier for its own beloved Democracy to endorse the President's Mexican policy than to define it.

While he was about it Senator James Hamilton Lewis also might have explained that the Rome that was "too proud to fight" died a rather disastrous death.

"In all fairness," asks the Boston Transcript, "shouldn't the expense of financing Carranza be borne by the Democratic campaign committee?"

Democrats really haven't any objection to big appropriations for army and navy and internal improvements. They expect the Republicans to rustle the revenue to foot the bills for the next four years.

Hughes says he would like six months to investigate the Administration, but the Administration figures he's doing very well as it is.

Yes, and the same policies that have filled Judge Hughes and others with "a deep sense of shame," have sent many other Americans to their graves.

The President has changed his mind about sending more troops to the border, thus running true to form.

When Tom Taggart talks economy to them, it is time the Democrats stopped their extravagance.

The Hughes smile is beginning to attract favorable attention.

President Entertains Five Progressives.—Headline. Others he simply amuses.

Democratic papers chide Hughes because he says he is "100 per cent. a candidate." The Wilson papers naturally prefer a fifty-fifty candidate.

The President says he has no interest in any political party, "except as an instrument of achievement." If that's it, then how did he happen to select such a poor instrument as the Democratic party?

Carranza isn't a candidate for President of the United States, but he did more for American preparedness in three weeks than Woodrow Wilson did in three years.

Another thing you never hear of since the Democrats reduced the cost of living is the "baker's dozen."

Mr. Hughes is criticized for his frequent use of the word "Now." Evidently his immediateness is worrying the watchful waiters who put things off until tomorrow.

Families living in rural districts where mail service has been curtailed will be interested in knowing that Postmaster General Burleson has sent Secretary McAdoo a check for \$5,200,000, representing surplus postal revenues.

Mr. Gardner should not quote what Mr. Wilson said while president of Princeton. His utterances are outlawed by himself in seven days.

That man Hughes is causing the Democratic newspapers an endless amount of worry. Apparently they will never be satisfied until he turns the management of his campaign over to them.

Mr. Hughes' speeches are giving poor satisfaction to the Democratic press, which proves they are very good speeches, indeed.

Secretary Baker is developing an agility in changing his mind that must endear him to his discoverer.

Mr. Wilson's Administration must confess itself incompetent in one respect or the other. It either has appropriated for an unneeded navy or it has neglected a needed navy. It can select its fault to suit itself. In one respect or the other it must be wrong.

"I believe in efficiency in politics just as much as in anything else," says Mr. Hughes. Efficiency is an excellent watch-word, and its use in the campaign is merely a forerunner of its use in the White House when he gets there.

ABERNATHY TO SPEAK.

Will Open His Campaign for Railroad Commissioner, Against the Present Encumber, B.A. Enloe Monday, Next, October 2.

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 26.—Special—Terry Abernathy, Republican candidate for railroad commissioner, opens his campaign at Crossville, Monday, Oct. 2. From that time to the eve of the election he will wage a stringent fight for the commission, which he seems to have won already.

Mr. Abernathy, a lawyer, educator and one of the most prominent of the younger republicans of Tennessee, will make speeches over the district, advocating the national and state ticket, as well as his own candidacy. He is a good speaker, a conservative, energetic campaigner, and there seems to be no doubt of his election. He reports conditions most favorable in McNairy, his home county. He spent two days at headquarters this week, and further speaking dates will be announced soon.

FORCING THE FIGHT.

Chairman J. Will Taylor's reply to the statement of Treasurer Wills of the Democratic Headquarters, is causing much comment among the Democrats as well as Republicans, due to the fact that Mr. Will's statement: "The Republicans have brought the fight to our very doors, etc.," is a practical admission that democrats are feeling the opposition more than ever before in their state campaigns.

Mr. Taylor said: "The statement of Treasurer Wills sounds like an echo from old Spartacus of Rome. While this statement of Treasurer Wills is a little bit spectacular and dramatic, however we do not intend to stop at the door: we are going in and take possession of the house with all of its contents and appurtenances. Treasurer Wills has evidently had his ear to the ground and heard the rumblings of the coming Republican victory in November."

MANY SPEAKERS.

A battery of Republican orators from East Tennessee will take the field at an early date in support of the state and national tickets. Among the men selected to campaign, and whose dates will be announced later, are: Gen. James A. Fowler, Gen. D. A. Vines, Maj. Paul E. Devine, Judge H. Tyler Campbell, Sam Price, Hon. T. A. Wright, Judge H. P. Lindsey, H. Clay Evans, John H. Early, Foster V. Brown, and others to be announced later. Alf A. Taylor and Col. A. M. Hughes will take the stump later.

MANY VISITORS.

Prominent Republicans from every district in the state have been pouring into headquarters at Nashville for several days. During the state fair last week at least 300 called at the offices of the executive committee, and the most flattering reports yet received have been absolutely verified by the many visitors who come from every section of Tennessee and represent every walk of life.

John W. Overall, candidate for governor, began a three days' tour of Bedford, Rutherford and Marshall counties on Tuesday, making the campaign in his automobile, accompanied by John Trotwood Moore, and members of the press.

The success of the National ticket stands out like a barb on a wire. The campaign of Mr. Hughes is naving a long effect, and his unlimited attack, backed by facts, on President Wilson, is getting blood every day. The results in Maine, the vote in New York, and the heavy fire of opposition, is about to crumble the Democratic breastworks. It seems certain now, from all reports, that Hughes and Fairbanks will win, on November 7, one of the greatest of Republican victories yet accorded the grand old party.

If you want pencils, fountain pens, pen points, ink wells, library paste, or paper fasteners come to the Chronicle office for them.